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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Harry Bussey, Jr.
Serial No: 10/725,127
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TITLE: Steam Expander for Loose Fill Material Customer No.:

Commissioner for of Patents and Trademarks
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated July 13, 2006.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 16 remain in this application.

The allowability of dependent claims 9 to 16 is noted.

Reconsideration of the objection to the drawings is again requested. Specifically, as noted in the previous Amendment of April 21, 2006, reference numeral 24 of Fig. 1 is referenced in the description at page 5, line 7. Accordingly, the objection to the drawing is not warranted and should be withdrawn.

Further, the paddle frame of claim 1 is illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 and is described in page 5, last paragraph. That is, paddle frame 26 is rotatably mounted in the foremost end of the steam chamber 25 to rotate with a central shaft 27 located on a central axis of the steam chamber 25. This paddle frame 26 carries a pair of scoops 28.